

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush or application of mascara or the like, comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse and is held on the brush core in such a manner that a face of the bristle is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara or the like, comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring ~~such as circle or ellipse and a second bristle in a shape of ring such as circle or ellipse which is disposed inside of the first bristle, and both the first and second bristles are held on the brush core in such a manner that each face of the first and second bristles is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara or the like, comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is in a shape of ring such as circle or ellipse and is held on the brush core in such a manner that a face of the bristle is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.

4. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara or the like, comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring such as circle or ellipse and a second bristle in a shape of ring such as circle or ellipse which is disposed inside of the first bristle, and both the first and second bristles are held on the brush core in such a manner that each face of the first and second bristles is at an angle of 0° to 90° with a longitudinal axis of the brush core, and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with substantially equal angular interval therebetween such that a face of the ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to an axial direction of the brush core.